

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A support structure for supporting an object, comprising:
an elongated member extending along a longitudinal axis and having first and second
sides and first and second edges;

a first set of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member and
corresponding to a first set of depressions in the second side of the elongated member, the
first set of ribs including first and second ribs axially spaced from each other and from
corresponding edges of the elongated member along an axis transverse to the longitudinal
axis; and

a second set of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member at a
location axially spaced from the first set of ribs so as to define an object receiving cradle
therebetween, the second set of ribs including first and second ribs axially spaced from each
other along a second axis transverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongated member[.];

a first rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member and
corresponding to a first depression in the first side of the elongated member between the
first and second ribs of the first set of ribs; and

a second rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member at a location
axially spaced from the first rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member so
as to define a second side object receiving cradle therebetween, the second rib projecting
from the second side of the elongated member corresponding to a second depression in the
first side of the elongated member between the first and second ribs of the second set of
ribs.

2. (Original) The support structure of claim 1 wherein the first and second ribs of the second set of ribs are axially spaced from corresponding edges of the elongated member along the second axis.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) The support structure of claim [3] 1 wherein the first and second ribs of the first set of ribs and the first and second ribs of the second set of ribs have a predetermined height and wherein the first and second ribs projecting from the second side of the elongated member have a predetermined height.

5. (Original) The support structure of claim 4 wherein the predetermined height of the first and second ribs of the first set of ribs and of the first and second ribs of the second set of ribs is generally equal to the predetermined height of the first and second ribs projecting from the second side of the elongated member.

6. (Original) The support structure of claim 1 further comprising a third set of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member at a location axially spaced from the second set of ribs so as to define a second object receiving cradle therebetween, the third set of ribs including first and second ribs axially spaced from each other along a third axis transverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongated member.

7. (Original) The support structure of claim 1 wherein the first side of the elongated member includes a first depression formed therein between the first and second ribs of the first set of ribs, the first depression corresponding to a first rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member.

8. (Original) The support structure of claim 7 wherein the first side of the elongated member includes a second depression formed therein between the first and second ribs of the second set of ribs, the second depression corresponding to a second rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member wherein the first and second ribs projecting from the second side of the elongated member define a second side object receiving cradle therebetween.

9. (Currently Amended) A support structure for supporting an object, comprising:
an elongated member extending along a longitudinal axis and having first and second sides, first and second edges, and first and second ends, the first side of the elongated member including:

a first plurality of ribs projecting therefrom and being spaced between the first and second ends along a first axis, each of the first plurality of ribs being laterally spaced from the first edge;

a second plurality of ribs projecting therefrom and being spaced between the first and second ends along a second axis, each of the second plurality of ribs being laterally spaced from the second edge; and

a plurality of depressions formed therein and being spaced between the first and second ends along a third axis disposed between the first and second

axis[.], each of the plurality of depressions being between one of the first plurality of ribs and one of the second plurality of ribs and forming a corresponding rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member, the ribs projecting from the second side of the elongated member being spaced between the first and second ends along the third axis.

10. (Original) The support structure of claim 9 wherein each of the first plurality of ribs is aligned with a corresponding rib of the second plurality of ribs along a corresponding axis transverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongated member.

Claims 11-12 (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) The support structure of claim [12] 9 wherein the ribs projecting from the second side of the elongated includes a first rib and a second rib, the first rib and the second rib defining a second side object receiving cradle therebetween.

14. (Original) The support structure of claim 9 wherein the first plurality of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member includes a first rib and a second rib, the first rib and the second rib partially defining a first object receiving cradle therebetween.

15. (Original) The support structure of claim 14 wherein the second plurality of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member includes a first rib and a second rib, the first rib and the second rib of the second plurality of ribs partially defining the first object receiving cradle therebetween.

16. (Original) A support structure for supporting a plurality of objects, comprising:
an elongated member having first and second sides and first and second edges; and
first and second rib sections extending from the first side of the elongated member
and being generally parallel to each other, each rib section being spaced from a
corresponding edge of the elongated member and including an alternating series of arches
and depressions.

17. (Original) The support structure of claim 16 wherein the arches and depressions
of each of the rib sections are aligned with each other.

18. (Original) The support member of claim 16 further comprising a first rib section
extending from the second side of the elongated member, the first rib section extending
from the second side of the elongated member being spaced from the edges of the elongated
member and including an alternating series of arches and depressions.

19. (Original) The support member of claim 16 wherein the elongated member is
formed from molded pulp.